

House Resolution 320

By: Representative Hugley of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Ms. Harriet Ethel Sherald and expressing regret at her passing; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
4 citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of Harriet Ethel Sherald; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of the late Mrs. Eleanor Mary
6 Alexander Sherald and the late Mr. Amos Percy Sherald, Jr., and the descendant of two of
7 the oldest, most well-known and highly respected families of Columbus, Georgia. Her
8 maternal grandparents were the late Mrs. Annie Johnson Alexander and the late Mr. Gabriel
9 Alexander. Her paternal grandparents were the late Mrs. Ethel Williams Sherald and the late
10 Mr. Amos Percy Sherald, Sr., who established Sherald's Barber Shop in 1898 which closed
11 its doors in January 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, Harriet was a devoted and faithful member of the First African Baptist Church
13 teaching Sunday school and was part of the Rachel Missionary Circle; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Sherald's early education was received in the public schools of Columbus,
15 and she graduated from Spencer High School in 1947, she attended Spelman College and
16 Albany State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, and she
17 earned a master's degree in elementary education from New York University; and

18 WHEREAS, she first taught at Lumpkin Elementary School in Lumpkin, Georgia and later
19 returned to Columbus, teaching for 17 years in the Muscogee County School System, and her
20 last school assignment was Edwina Wood Elementary School; and

21 WHEREAS, her professional affiliations included the Georgia Retired Educators
22 Association, the Association of Muscogee County Retired Educators, Club 13, the Columbus
23 Phenix City Club of the Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc., Silver Star member

1 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 48 years, and past president of the Gamma Tau
2 Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

3 WHEREAS, her sparkling personality reflected and mirrored a beautiful smile, and deep
4 warmth and encouragement were often uttered from her lips; and

5 WHEREAS, one of her greatest attributes was her friendliness and concern for others and
6 she was known to family and friends as "Suzy Sunshine"; and

7 WHEREAS, she was granted a peaceful transition from this life to eternal bliss with her Lord
8 and Savior on Sunday, February 11, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory a sister-in-law, Geraldine H. Sherald of
10 Columbus; two nieces, Harriet Dom Grayson of Lithonia and Amy M. Sherald of Columbus;
11 two nephews, Amos P. Sherald IV of Long Island, New York and Michael E. Sherald of
12 Columbus; one great-niece, Caris Grayson; devoted cousins, Cynthia Saxton of Midland,
13 Georgia, Thomas Works and Ozella Thompson, Columbus, Georgia; and many other
14 relatives and friends.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Ms.
17 Harriet Ethel Sherald.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Harriet
20 Ethel Sherald.